

ILL FOR TWO YEARS

Will H. Thompson Broke Down Under Strain of Work.

HIS BRAIN WAS AFFECTED

Tone of Voice Used by the Slayer of Judge Emory Over Telephone Will Have Much to Do With the Verdict.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—As a further evidence of mental disorders suffered by various members of his family, Will H. Thompson, father of Chester Thompson, today admitted on the witness stand that in 1902 he himself was so stricken, and that it was not for two years that he was permitted by physicians to pursue his wonted work.

FEMALE PLUNGER ENDS LIFE

Letter to Portland Man Asking for Funds Is Not Answered.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Evelyn Buss, formerly a wealthy Nome claim-owner and female plunderer in mining properties, committed suicide here tonight because she was penniless and could not recover jewels she had pawned.

BLACKSMITHS RAISE PRICES

Linn Farmers Must Pay for the Advance in Steel and Iron.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Farmers of Linn County will now feel directly the advance in prices of iron and steel. All the blacksmiths of the county met in Albany today and spent the afternoon effecting an organization for the general welfare of the craft.

REFUSES HOTEL LICENSE

Goldendale Council May Cause the Closing of Chief Hostelry.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The application for license for the Central Hotel bar was turned down by the City Council tonight. This action was a surprise to the licensee, as they thought that the Council would be bought by the vote at the recent city election.

CORONER MAY BE RELEASED

Coroner's Jury Decides Wife Died of Gas Poisoning by Parties Unknown.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—The coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. A. C. Connor, who was found dead in her room, returned a verdict that she died of death by gas poisoning at the hands of parties unknown. The probabilities are Connor will be released from custody tomorrow.

NEW OREGON RURAL CARRIERS.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Rural carriers appointed for Oregon routes: Dayton—Route 1, John T. Birch carrier, Everett E. McDonald substitute; Freewater—Route 2, Henry D. Staley carrier, Nancy M. Lawson substitute.

SCHOOL BOYS HAVE FIGHT.

Regular Ring Battle of Twenty Rounds Is Victorious.

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Immediately after school Tuesday afternoon, in the basement of the building occupied by the Colfax Barber Shop and the electric light offices of Good & McKenzie on Main street, a 20-round boxing contest was pulled off before 75 High School students and prominent business men. The fighters were both High School pupils, Norman Cairns, the 16-year-old son of Jack Cairns, who conducts a dry line, and Volney Canutt, the 15-year-old son of Joseph Canutt, Sheriff of Whitman County.

GRATER LAKE ROAD

Boise Capitalists Are to Complete and Equip.

OPENS RICH TIMBER BELT

Medford People Have Succeeded in Laying Twelve Miles of Track, but Ran Short of Money for Rolling Stock.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Medford and Grater Lake Railroad line, extending from this city in a northerly direction to Butte Creek, but originally designed to afford an outlet to the timber lands on the Big Butte, is to be completed and equipped for operation by Boise, Idaho, capitalists, who have been inspecting the line in the interest of Eastern capital. At least this is the substance of a proposal made to the stockholders of the road at a meeting of the Medford Commercial Club last evening.

LEWISTON HAS HEAVY RAIN

Landslides Block Railroad in Clearwater Valley.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Landslides four miles east of Lewiston, Idaho, have blocked the Clearwater Valley Railroad, and it is believed possible for the Clearwater local to reach this city today and the train due here from Silt at 10:45 this morning cannot tell tonight whether it will be possible to remove the obstructions tomorrow or not.

SEASIDE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 20.—An organization has been formed here with the name and motto, "Seaside Development League." A. Greater Seaside, Dan J. Moore is president. The league now has 75 members. At a recent meeting it was unanimously decided and resolutions were passed strongly urging the Clatsop delegation in the Legislature to lend their assistance in procuring from the state an appropriation of \$5000 for the investigation of the temple canal and harbor project.

SANTIAM BRIDGE HAS SETTLED.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The uncertainty and treachery of the Santiam River was demonstrated today, when the Southern Pacific train on the Woodburn-Natron branch was forced to abandon its run and make the run via Albany. The bridge over the South Santiam River had sunk two feet and was in a dangerous condition. This is the bridge that was put in excellent condition after the recent floods, but the continual changing of the banks of the river caused the sink.

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PRETTY GIRLS INTERESTED

LETTERS ARE RECEIVED FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF OREGON.

Members of Drilled Company Are to Be Selected by Local Committees in Each County.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The committee organizing the company of young women to be uniformed and drilled for the excursion to the Jamestown Exposition and the East are receiving many encouraging letters from different parts of the state. Some of the aspirants do not seem to understand the plan of the company, and are sending their applications direct to the committee.

SALES OF RIGHT OF WAY.

Washington Land Board Orders Delivery to Railroads.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The state Board of Land Commissioners today ordered sales to railroads of rights-of-way as follows:

To Portland and Seattle Road, 12 acres in Lewis County, section 16, township 12, range 2 east, at \$60 an acre.

To the Spokane & British Columbia Railway, at \$10 an acre, ten acres in section 36, township 33, range 12 east, Ferry County.

To the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, at \$10 an acre, 12 acres in section 36, township 16, range 12 east, Douglas County.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Hezekiah Stupp.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Hezekiah Stupp, aged 84 years, died at his home in this city last night. He was a native of Indiana, where he was born December 23, 1821. He crossed the plains to Oregon from Danville, Ill., in 1852. There are five surviving children, four sons and a daughter, as follows: James H. Stupp, of W. Stuy County; Little White Salmon, Wash.; Thad S. Stupp, Liberal; Lily Stupp, of this city, and Mrs. Mary Deardorf, of Portland.

Aberdeen Grants a Franchise.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A franchise has been granted to the Gray's Harbor & Puget Sound Railway Company to extend its tracks on streets of this city. The granting of the franchise was fought by the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Agreements in the franchise are that the company shall not dispose of its interests to the Northern Pacific Company nor that it shall in any way be a feeder of that road. The terms of the franchise are that the road shall be completed in three years.

Hood River Is Very High.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Hood River is again in flood and the water is higher than it has been at any time this winter. Work along it has had to be abandoned and it is expected that considerable damage will be done by it before it subsides.

Several slides are reported on the Mount Hood Railroad as a result of the heavy rains during the past 24 hours, and it is reported that the line of the O. R. & N. near Viento is in a precarious condition and had to be closely watched.

The new bridge of the Farmers' Irrigating Ditch that was about completed and which was washed out by the flood of a few weeks ago, was carried away again this morning.

The structure was used for the purpose of carrying the flume of the ditch company over the west fork of the Hood River and will entail a loss of \$2000. As it has been swept away twice in the last few weeks the company sustains a loss of \$5000, in addition to the expense it will be under to rebuild it. The timbers from the bridge passed through the city about 10 o'clock this morning and went out into the Columbia, where they were lost.

A rise in the Columbia of several feet has also taken place, and it is expected to reach a higher stage still before it subsides.

Valuations in Clatsop County.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The 1906 assessment roll as equalized shows the assessed valuation of property in Clatsop County to be \$4,916,112. The assessment is segregated among the various classes of property as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Property Class and Valuation. Includes items like Tillable land, Non-tilable land, Improvements on wooded lands, City lots, Improvements on lots, Improvements on lands not developed, Miles railway, Mile telephone, Miles street railways, Railway rolling stock, Steamboats, etc.

Salmon Running in Eel River.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Reports received from Eel River, Cal., state that the run of salmon there at the present time is unusually large and the Tallant-Grant cannery and cold-storage plant are getting all the fish they can handle.

Purchase of Fine Mill Site.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—James A. Karr, through his agent, J. E. McKee, today sold to the Polson Logging Company 13 acres of land north of this city on the Hoquiam River, the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$13,000. The foregoing company has been two years in securing control of this land which is one of the best mill sites on the harbor. This will be used as the depot and yards of the Polson Bros. Logging Company, which contemplates building from the woods to the city to connect with their South Bend-Centralia line soon to be commenced.

Mrs. Carter Is Out on Bail.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—United States Commissioner Seth Warren today reduced the bond of Mrs. Nell Carter, charged with tampering with the United States mail, to \$500, which was secured and she was given her liberty. Mrs. Eva Hall, the other woman in the case was put under \$100 bonds.

Out of Woods for Christmas.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The loggers from the numerous camps are beginning to come to this city to spend the holidays. Over 1500 lumber jacks will be in town by Saturday night and they will have a great time.

Extensive Coal Land Purchases.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Five instruments, mostly warranty deeds, with an aggregate consideration of about \$250,000, were filed here today by John McNeal, of Denver, whose name appears as grantee. The conveyances cover thousands of acres of undeveloped coal lands near Bucoda and Tenino. Mr. McNeal is believed to be representing the Harriman interests in the purchases, but refuses to be interviewed.

Wallowa Has a Commercial Club.

WALLOWA, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Wallowa Commercial Club has perfected an organization with the following officers: C. T. McDaniel, president; Edgar Marvin, vice-president; Howard K. O'Brian, secretary and treasurer.

Divorces Granted at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—At a special adjourned session of the Circuit Court today, Judge McBride granted divorces as follows: William J. Riley vs. Mary C. Riley; Ethel R. Ash vs. Arthur H. Ash, plaintiff to resume maiden name, Robert; Thomas H. Purdy vs. Edda Purdy, plaintiff ordered to pay \$20 per month each for the support of two minor children until they attain their majority.

An Order of Default was Entered in the divorce suit of J. S. Wilson vs. Ruth Wilson.

A BARGAIN WINDOW.

Corner West Park and Washington streets. A windowful of bargains. Every article would make a beautiful Christmas gift. Furs, waxes, coats, silk stockings, kimonos, etc., all marked down to an astonishing low price. Le Palais Royal, 275 Washington street.

Advertisement for The Gotzian Shoe, featuring a large illustration of a shoe and text describing its features and availability.

Advertisement for the Edison Tunnel, Bakersfield, California, featuring a large illustration of the tunnel and text describing its location and history.

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